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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

An event worth celebrating: the Jean Hasbrouck House is reopening in July after a 4-year hiatus! See the details under Upcoming Family-Related Events on this page. Come for the pre-opening reception on July 25 or any other time that's convenient for you and see the results of this major restoration effort – the largest in HHS history! With the benefit of a \$250,000 matching grant from the prestigious Save America's Treasures Fund and an intense campaign to raise an equal amount (mostly from its member families), HHS covered the \$500,000 cost of taking down and restoring the sagging north wall stone by stone. The balance of the restoration work (still progressing at this writing) is projected to cost \$125,000. HHS has so far raised about \$70,000; so there's a sizeable gap to cover, and we're still asking for your contributions to HFA for this project. (Send us your check with a notation that it's for the Jean House.)

My report in this newsletter a year ago included the following paragraphs. Distressingly, there was no response. The need is just as great as ever, so I'm repeating this invitation with hopes for more positive results.

If you value your Association, please consider taking a more active part in it. There is so much more we could do if we had more members involved! And in the modern interconnected environment with inexpensive internet and telephone communication, you don't have to be anywhere near New Paltz to participate (although being close enough to appear in person from time to time is a big

benefit to us). We need people for activities we can't adequately cover now, such as (1) calling other members/prospects (at HFA expense) to inform/encourage/rekindle interest; (2) encourage others -- especially family members -- to join HFA and participate in it; (3) do genealogical/historical research, online and/or by traditional methods; (4) contribute to our newsletter; (5) organize activities; (6) represent HFA on HHS committees (you can participate by phone); (7) serve as officers of HFA ... the list goes on.

Without broader member participation HFA is in danger of gradually withering away. If you are interested in helping us to avoid such a fate by getting involved in any of the activities above (or others of your own choosing), please contact us to explore the possibilities. (See our contact points on the masthead of this newsletter.)

Robert W. Hasbrouck, Jr.

UPCOMING FAMILY-RELATED EVENTS

Reopening of Jean Hasbrouck House

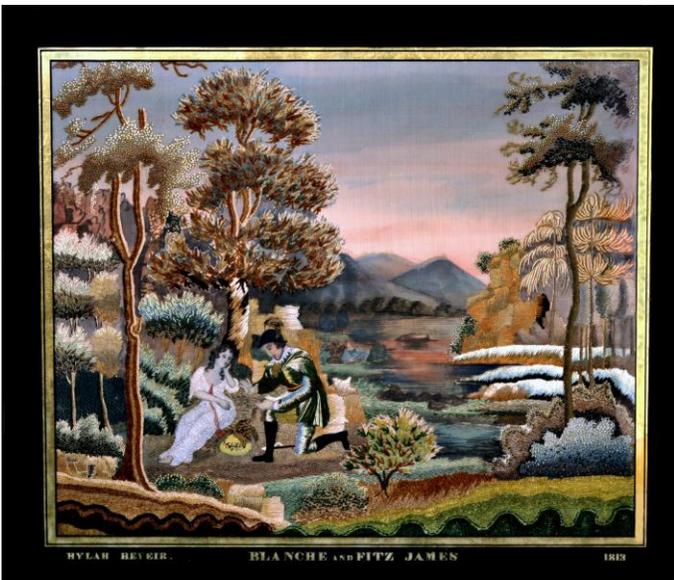
After a half-million dollar restoration of the north wall and extensive interior work, the Jean House will reopen on Saturday, July 26 for self-guided tours (10AM to 5PM). On Friday, July 25 there will be an early evening pre-opening reception for major donors and Hasbrouck family members followed by visits to the house. If you would like to attend, call HHS (845-255-1660) for specifics on time and location, not finalized at press time. On July 27 and August 30 (10-11AM)

there will be guided “behind-the –scenes” tours covering the restoration project and some surprising discoveries it revealed.

Hasbrouck Needlework Work Exhibit



Unfinished needlework design.



Intricate needlework by Hylah Bevier Hasbrouck (A scene from Scott's Lady of the Lake)

Already open for viewing at the Grimm Gallery in Deyo Hall (through October 31) is the exhibit “A Notion to Sew: the 19th Century Needlework of Hylah Hasbrouck and Her Daughters at Locust Lawn.” They were accomplished artists and produced a wide variety of works. The exhibit is included on Huguenot Street house tours and can be seen by special appointment. In conjunction with this exhibit there will be two special tours at Locust

Lawn (“The Women of Locust Lawn”, June 14 and October 12, 1-2:30PM) illustrating how these Hasbrouck women were both unique for their time and emblematic of the evolving role of upper middle class women in the mid 1800's.

HFA Annual Reunion

Our reunion in New Paltz this year is on Saturday, October 11. It will probably follow the usual format: registration/socializing, an HHS update and a service in the French Church in the morning followed by an on-site update at the Jean and Abraham Hasbrouck Houses, lunch at Deyo Hall, a presentation (this year by Adam Schenkman about Jonathan Hasbrouck and his house, better known as Washington's Headquarters site) and our annual meeting. If you are coming from a distance and want to visit Huguenot Street in some detail, plan to spend at least one night here because the reunion will take up most of Saturday and you will need at least one additional day on the Street. The houses can be visited only on guided tours (self-guided for Jean Hasbrouck) and are closed Wednesdays. That weekend there will be a Civil War reenactors' encampment on Huguenot Street as well as the Reformed Church's annual Apple Festival on Saturday and the “Women of Locust Lawn” tour on Sunday (see details at top of this column).

If you will be a first-time visitor, contact us to help with your planning. The Hudson Valley is full of beautiful scenery and tourist attractions; you can easily spend an entire vacation here. Anyone planning an overnight stay should make reservations as soon as possible. The reunion is during the foliage season, and accommodations usually sell out early. New Paltz has three good motels: Super 8 (845-255-8865), EconoLodge (845-255-6200), and Days Inn (845-883-7373). You can also get information on bed & breakfast inns in the area from the Chamber of Commerce (845-255-0243), and see page 5 for a Hasbrouck House B&B.

HHS is offering a wide variety of other programs and events in the New Paltz area during the year for adults, children and families. You can see the entire schedule on their website: www.huguenotstreet.org. Take your HFA (or

HHS) membership card whenever you visit to get free house tours and a 10% discount at the museum shop.

OUR HOUSES

Abraham Hasbrouck House

HFA and HHS together are formalizing plans/procedures for prioritizing a list of repair/restoration projects for the house to be arranged and coordinated by HFA consultant Neil Larson with HHS oversight. One of the first projects was a review by an engineering firm of the emergency repairs made to the rafters several years ago when dangerous cracks were discovered. The review recommended additional work, which is now under consideration. Meanwhile, analysis of the artifacts from the 2005 archaeology work around the house is now underway.

Jean Hasbrouck House



Jean House north wall showing replica 1721 windows

Interior restoration work is proceeding, and a reopening has been scheduled for Saturday, July 26. (See separate item under Upcoming Family-Related Events on page 1.) In the last newsletter we promised more details about the replica 1721 Dutch casement-style windows in the reconstructed north wall. There are two types (see photos). The larger first-floor



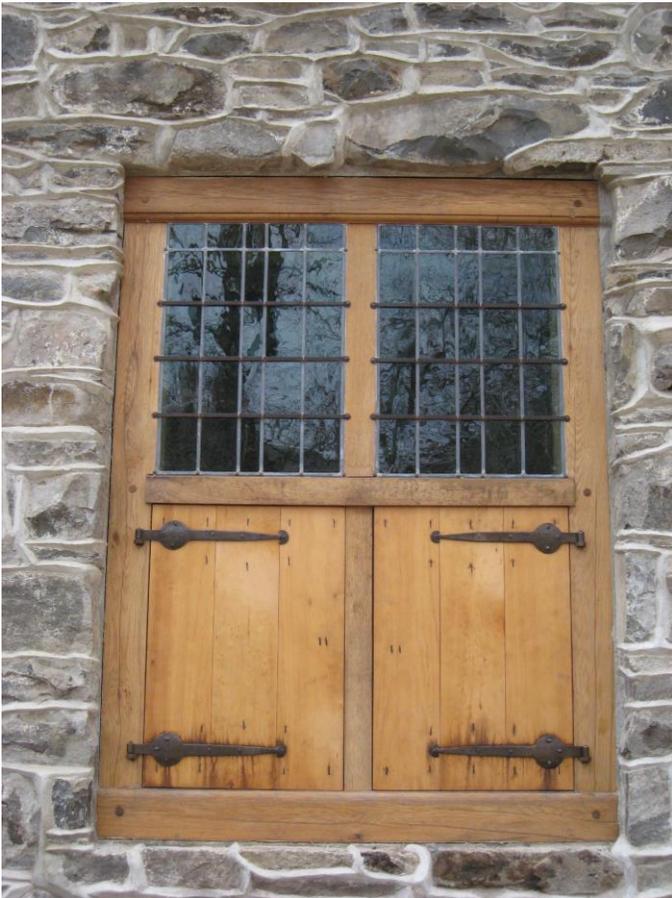
North wall windows: Kruiskoosijn window below and bolkoosijn above



Bolkoosijn window

windows are *kruiskoosijn* style (*kruis*=cross, *koosijn*=frame), characterized by a crossbar support within the frame filled by shutters in the lower half and glazed glass panels in the upper half. The second-floor windows are *bolkoosijn*, consisting of a glazed half and a shuttered half placed side by side. (The February newsletter showed an interior view of this type.) Other

houses on Huguenot Street certainly had these handsome, sturdy windows in the 18th century; indeed, the header of a *kruiskozijn* window is still in place in the center section of the Abraham House. However, all the 18th century windows have by now been replaced with later styles, so it is a real plus for Huguenot Street to have these excellent replicas available for viewing at the Jean House.



Kruiskozijn window

Josiah Hasbrouck House **(Locust Lawn)**

The Locust Lawn Committee has conducted an inspection of all the structures on the property and compiled a list of needed repairs/restoration. There are insufficient resources (to put it mildly!) for all these projects, and the Committee is developing a program to address the most urgent needs with the funds available. Under a recent agreement HHS will loan two handsome but neglected carriages from Locust Lawn for ten years to Locust Grove

in Poughkeepsie, where they will be restored and displayed during that period.

Locust Lawn will be open for tours (11AM to 5PM) on weekends from June through October. See the HHS event schedule on its website for details on scheduled activities there.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Dues (\$20/year) for renewal of annual memberships should have been paid by October 1, but there are still quite a few laggards out there. If you don't have L (for Life member) or 08 on your mailing label, you're 8 months delinquent by now. But it's never too late to get yourself up to date! We need your support.

HFA OFFICE

Our New Paltz office is open by appointment only. But if you are planning a visit to the area, leave a message on our answering machine or send us a fax or e-mail (see numbers on the masthead), and Meryl will contact you to arrange a visit where you can get information, look at our genealogy files and publications, and check our archives. If you are doing family research, you may also want to see what is available in the HHS Library. Call them (845-255-6738) to make an appointment.

Our office is just half a mile from Huguenot Street in the Pine Office Center at 124 Main Street. It's across the street from the Citgo gas station and far back from the street, but there is a sign at the driveway entrance, ample parking and handicapped access. In the same building is the New Paltz Chamber of Commerce, where you can get information and brochures on a wide range of attractions and accommodations in the area.

NEW BOOKS ON JONATHAN HASBROUCK AND HIS HOUSE

Arcadia Press recently published a new book in its "Images of America" series titled "Washington's Headquarters in Newburgh." As you probably know, this building is the house of Washington's friend, Colonel Jonathan

Hasbrouck; and Washington used it as his headquarters in the 1782-3 period – his longest stay in any location during the war. HFA published a 22-page booklet about the house in 2000; it is still available from our office. The new book is 128 pages with lots of pictures and an interesting text. It was created by history teacher/writer Adam Schenkman, who for some years has done extensive research on Jonathan and his house. He is also close to publication on a book about Jonathan, who – he said – did not receive proper recognition of his accomplishments because he worked “In the Shadow of the Mountain” (the book title), referring to George Washington as the center of national attention.

List price for the Arcadia book is \$19.99. You can order it from the publisher (www.arcadia.com), online sites like Amazon.com (usually discounted) or your local book store. Adam Schenkman will speak at our reunion on October 11 and sign copies of the book as well. If “In the Shadow of the Mountain” is published by that time, he’ll have copies of both books for sale/signing at the reunion.

Arcadia’s “Images of America” series has profiled numerous other locations in the New Paltz area, including New Paltz itself as well as Gardiner/Lake Minnewaska, Mohonk, Kingston, Newburgh and Poughkeepsie. See the Arcadia website for details.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The deadline for scholarship applications this year is August 31, which means that awards will apply to the spring semester rather than the fall semester. To be eligible you must be (at that time) a college sophomore, junior or senior and be able to document Huguenot heritage. If you are interested, contact HHS for detailed requirements and an application: (845)255-1660 or www.huguenotstreet.org, which has a scholarship link from “Join Us” on the homepage.

HASBROUCK HOUSE **BED & BREAKFAST**

In conjunction with our New Paltz reunions we have often mentioned that accommodations available for attendees include a Hasbrouck House bed & breakfast inn in nearby Stone Ridge. However, although the family connection was long known, we knew surprisingly little about the details until we sought them out from Stone Ridge historian Charles Cullen, who supplied us with the whole story.



The Inn at Stone Ridge – Hasbrouck House

The original house on the site was a 1½ story structure built by a Mr. Smith in the 1740’s on 175 acres of farmland property, some of which is still farmed today. It came into the Hasbrouck family on May 1, 1838 when it was sold by Ann Brink to Benjamin Louis Hasbrouck (1813-1885), a 5th-generation descendant of Jean. He was born and raised in the nearby Chambers House, which is now at the intersection of Routes 209 and 213. He inherited that house from his father, Lewis, in 1834 and sold it to buy the Smith-built house, which was on an adjacent property to the north. On New Year’s Day 1839 Benjamin married Margaret Rymph, whose mother was Wyntje Hasbrouck, a 4th-generation descendant of Abraham, thus associating the house with both sides of our family. Between 1840-1846 they had two sons and two daughters.

Wyntje died in 1880, and in 1881 the oldest son, John Cornelius (1840-1901), acquired the property. He built a two-story addition to the house, and in 1893 he demolished the original structure. In 1865 he had married Harriet Fitch

five months after his sister Margaret had married Harriet's brother, Roswell Fitch. (Their son, Ezra Fitch, became president of Abercrombie & Fitch.) John and Harriet had four sons and three daughters. The youngest of their children, Matthew Fitch Hasbrouck (1881-?), inherited the house and passed it on to his only son, also named Matthew Fitch (born 1924). The younger Matthew sold swimming pools. Around 1975 he sold the house and moved to Florida (a much easier place to sell pools), ending a 137-year Hasbrouck family ownership.

During his tenure Matthew rented the house and allowed it to deteriorate. The decline subsequently continued, and at one point it was occupied by squatters. In the mid 1980's it was rescued by Nick Parras, who restored the place and opened it to the public as a restaurant and inn called Hasbrouck House. In 1994 it passed to the present owners (the Hauspergs), who made a few interior alterations and changed the name to The Inn at Stone Ridge – Hasbrouck House.

The property is now a luxury-class accommodation (and priced accordingly). It has 150 acres and includes a swimming pool, gardens, two ponds, a 50-acre apple orchard and undeveloped woodland. It is primarily a bed & breakfast inn with period furniture but also has a tent and facilities for events such as parties, weddings and receptions. Dining is now focused on such activities and the overnight guests rather than public restaurant service.

If you want to experience a real family connection in a historic setting when you visit the area, this is the only Hasbrouck house where you can stay overnight. It is about 12 miles from Huguenot Street. For details, visit www.innatstoneridge.com or call 845-687-0736.

JUDGE GILBERT D. B. HASBROUCK AWARD

In 1997 HFA agreed to sponsor this award, established by the Esopus-Port Ewen Library to recognize significant contributions to the library in the areas of preservation, growth

and development. The award commemorates a distinguished family member (see HFA Journal of February 1998 for a biographical sketch) who in 1939 donated the impressive house in which he was born to the library, which occupied it for 68 years. The award is represented by a plaque on display at the Library with recipients' names, plus a commemorative gift to the recipients. The award is made only when a worthy candidate is identified. The 2007 award went to Arthur Cross, a long-time Library supporter who served as project manager for the construction of the new library building, which was occupied in April '07. (Judge Hasbrouck is honored there with the largest meeting room named for him.) The award was presented on behalf of HFA by VP-Director Robert Freehill at a dinner ceremony in December.



Judge Robert Freehill (center) presenting '07 Judge Gilbert Hasbrouck Award to Arthur Cross (left). At right is MC and '06 award winner Roscoe Pecora.

A MENNONITE HASBROUCK ALSO SUFFERED PERSECUTION FOR HIS FAITH

The Huguenots were not the only Protestant group persecuted by the Catholics, and apparently not all Protestant Hasbroucks were Huguenots although they all faced the danger of torture and death for their religious faith. A recent review of our office files produced an account of a Mennonite named Jan VanHasbrouck, who was arrested with seven others of that faith in Antwerp in early 1569. Not only were they tortured and burned to death at the stake. While awaiting execution their mouths

were kept shut with screws to prevent them from converting others! While we now take for granted our freedom to worship (or not) as we choose and some consider it a chore, we should reflect from time to time on the price many of our ancestors were willing to pay for the privilege.

variety of interpretations. The director also calls it “great publicity.” Maybe we should have surveillance cameras in our Huguenot Street houses too. We might not need actors or props for our “Haunted Huguenot Street” events!

MORE IN COMMON THAN THEY REALIZED

In January 2002, when Janice Anne Hotchkiss and Wesley Hasbrouck of Rosemount, MN were married, Jim and Jane Fastle were in attendance. The Fastles had known Anne for more than twenty years and were enjoying getting to know Wes. The two couples belonged to the same church and shared in many activities together. They were amused to learn that both Jane’s and Wes’s fathers had been United Methodist ministers.

One Sunday in 2004 when the two couples were together, Anne was recalling things she and Wes had seen and done on their recent trip to visit some of the places where Wes had lived when he was young. She was excitedly describing an old village (Wes’s ancestral home) where they had spent time walking through streets with old stone houses where people were dressed in period costumes. Jane said, “I know exactly where you were; I’ve been there too. It’s New Paltz, NY.” Further discussion revealed that both Jane and Wes had family connections there. Jane is a descendant of the DuBois family through her mother’s line, and Wes, of course, is a Hasbrouck. Jane was intrigued by this conversation and, looking through her mother’s genealogy, made a surprising discovery. She is descended from Louis DuBois through his son, Solomon. Wes is descended from Abraham Hasbrouck through his son, also named Solomon. Their family ties intersected in 1701 when Louis DuBois, Jr. married Rachel Hasbrouck, a sister of Solomon Hasbrouck. This makes Jane and Wes distant cousins. Wes writes. “None of us should be too surprised to find such things as we search our heritage back into the past. But we were quite amazed to find this special connection with someone we thought we knew quite well.”

Have you checked your own genealogy? HFA members can get a family tree printout from



POSSIBLE GHOST SIGHTING AT THE ELTING LIBRARY – IS OSCAR STILL THERE?

Our September ’05 article about the Elting Memorial Library in New Paltz reported that the original section of the library was a house owned and occupied by Hasbroucks for 64 years from 1855-1919. A sizeable addition was recently completed, but the old part is still in the news. On October 24 at 3:30AM a surveillance camera in the Mystery/Suspense section of the old building recorded a transparent blob as it moved from the staircase over to the bookshelves, paused briefly, and then disappeared through a wall. Since then the image has generated lots of interest and debate as to what it represents. (Decide for yourself; the tape can be viewed on YouTube with the title “Ghost in the New Paltz Library.”) One tongue-in-cheek explanation was that it was a ghost pausing at the appropriate section of the library to choose something to read in the middle of the night. Another noted that ghosts can often be traced to people who died in the house where they appear. Records show that the last male Hasbrouck owner, Oscar C. Hasbrouck, died there in 1899. Could he still be hanging around? (His widow continued to live there until 1919.)

The Library officially calls the image an “anomaly,” which certainly leaves room for a

our database on request. See how many of the early New Paltz families you are related to. For instance, all Hasbroucks are also Deyos since Jean and Abraham married Deyo sisters. In the early days of New Paltz there weren't many other families available for marriages, so most of us will find connections to several such families. And a few (including HFA founder Kenneth Hasbrouck) can claim ties to all twelve patentee families!

MORE ABOUT THE HASBROUCK BUILDINGS AT CORNELL

Our article in the June 2006 newsletter on campus buildings named for Hasbroucks made only brief mention of the Hasbrouck Apartments at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY and had no photos. We now have more information and a group of photos, three of which are included here. This is by far the largest of the facilities mentioned in the '06 article.

The Hasbrouck Apartments are located on the north campus adjacent to the university golf course. The complex consists of 338 apartments (a mix of studio, one and two-bedroom) in 28 two and three-story masonry buildings. It is so large that it has its own community center (see photo). It provides housing for graduate students, visiting scholars and post-doctoral fellows.

As mentioned in the earlier article, the Hasbrouck Apartments are named for Charles A. Hasbrouck, the previous owner of the land on which the housing was built in 1960. He gave the land to Cornell in 1910 in memory of his wife, Mary Forbes. We have no other information about Charles except his birth date (July 31, 1864) and ancestry (back to Jean). If you know anything else about him, please tell us.

We welcome our new members:

Jeannine MacBride, Medford, NJ
Margaret Jane McCleary, Clarksville, TN
Jean Brown Schooley, Kenai, AK
Randy Streeter, Hastings, NE



Community Center, Hasbrouck Apartments